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MEMORANDUM FOR: Frank B. Moore
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FROM:
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SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

1. ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE BILL (S. 1566 and H.R. 7308): Requires the Government to obtain judicial warrants before instituting electronic surveillance for foreign intelligence purposes within the U.S.

When the House reconvenes at noon on Wednesday, 6 September, it is expected to take up H.R. 7308, the electronic surveillance bill. On Wednesday, 6 September, H.R. 7308 has been granted an open rule--three hours of general debate. Complete consideration of the electronic surveillance bill is scheduled for Thursday, 7 September, after consideration by the House of the Presidential veto of H.R. 10929, the Department of Defense Authorization Act, FY 79.

2. CIVIL SERVICE REFORM (S. 2640 and H.R. 11280): With the recent passage of the Senate version of the Civil Service Reform Act, a bill with which this Agency has only one remaining minor problem, we look forward to early House action. The DCI continues to have several remaining and serious problems with the House version. Representatives of the DCI are working very closely with Mr. Simon Lazarus, of the White House Civil Service Reform Working Group, in order to ensure that our problems are either rectified on the floor by amendment or, if not possible, later during Conference. The House version is scheduled for floor action on Thursday, 7 September.

3. JUSTICE APPROPRIATIONS LEGISLATION (H.R. 12936): The report language mandates that the Immigration and Naturalization Service deny entry visas to and expel from the U.S. Soviet Bloc intelligence officers.

We have, in light of a newspaper report of 21 August, again become concerned that this issue is a bone of serious contention amongst various Executive agencies. The DCI and representatives of the DCI staff have been in contact with State and Justice Department officials in order to ensure that all are in agreement as to the probable disastrous affect should such a mandate be strictly enforced.

4. INTELLIGENCE CHARTER LEGISLATION (S. 2525 and H.R. 12245):
Proposes charters for the intelligence agencies.

After a series of daily marathon meetings last week, the NSC/SCC Charter Working-Level Group completed consideration of Title II of the intelligence charter bill. The Working-Level Group is expected to take up with its meetings again on Wednesday, 6 September. In the interim, a Working Group subcommittee has been formed consisting of representatives of the Departments of Justice and Defense and CIA with a view to looking into the matter of section 123 of Title I, governing GAO audits of intelligence activities. It is expected that the subcommittee's findings will be the topic of discussion at one of the first meetings after the Working Group reconvenes on 6 September.

5. INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION BILL (H.R. 12240 and S. 2939):
Authorizes funds for fiscal year 1979 for Government intelligence activities.

Both Houses of Congress have now approved the Intelligence Authorization bill Conference Report, the House on 17 August and the Senate on 22 August. This action clears the bill for Presidential signature.

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